



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Wnek  
Group Art Unit: 1725  
Examiner: Jonathan J. Johnson  
Title: ANTI-SLIDE SPLICE WELDER  
Attorney Docket: 4348-000119/DVA

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AFFIDAVIT OF CORALYNN S. WILLIAMS**

Sir:

I, CORALYNN S. WILLIAMS, being duly sworn depose and state that:

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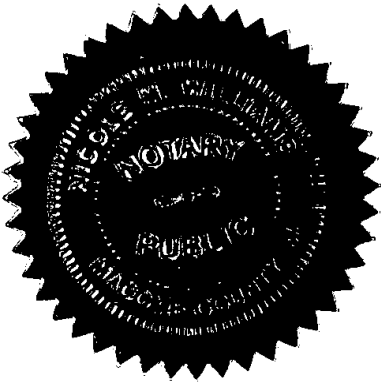
6. In the above-referenced application, the Docketing Department conducted an audit of the transferred application, but did not record or identify any outstanding Office Actions in the transferred file application as received.

Further Affiant sayeth not.

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State of Michigan                    )  
  ) ss.  
County of Oakland                 )

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2002, before me personally appeared the foregoing individual, who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that they executed the same of their own free will for the purposes therein set forth.



Nicole M. Williams  
Notary Public,

Macomb County, State of Michigan

My Commission Expires: December 2, 2005

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